

**Newington Parks & Recreation  
Board of Directors  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 7:33 PM

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jeff Perillo, Bob Tofeldt, Neal Forte, Don Woods, Mary Udice, Eileen Francolino, Jeff Hedberg, Jon Boni, Bill Deblasio

Board Members Absent:

Ken Leggo, John Kennedy,

Staff:

Bruce Till

Town Council Liaison:

Jay Bottalico

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Motion: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009;** Don Woods seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the minutes of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was approved with a 9-0 vote with.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Pam Austin and Board member Jeff Perillo, of Newington Midget Football, spoke with Superintendent Bruce Till earlier in the week. Austin and Perillo requested the consideration of redoing the sod on Newington Midget Football's field in the Clem Lemiere Complex. Bruce would like to redo the sod on the field if the new sod would be given time without play on the field. The concern being that lacrosse is currently using the field during the spring season. Bruce Till estimates the field to be out of commission for a month.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

**From the Superintendent:**

*Golf Tournament:*

- Bruce Till informed the Board that the Golf Tournament brought in approximately \$12,000 this year.
- Bruce and the Board also present a plaque to fellow Board member Bob Tofeldt for his hole in one won at this year's golf tournament.

*Personnel:*

- Bruce Till informed the Board Jodi Lee had been hired and is currently working as Special Events Coordinator. The position of Special Events Coordinator is a permanent part-time position.
- Bruce Till announced the completion of his staff with the addition of Jodi Lee and expressed his pride in his staff.

*Beechwood Park:*

- Bruce also informed the Board Beechwood Park had been reviewed by both playground equipment representatives and a landscape architect.
- Bruce discussed the need for the current playground removal and a cost effective way of replacement. Bruce explained that individual playground components are much more cost effective than one large playground piece.
- Bruce did, however, express some concern with the park's drainage issues.

*Vandalism:*

- Bruce Till informed the Board of the two parks with on going vandalism issues. Both Mill Pond Park and Seymour Parks have experienced reoccurring problems with vandalism.
- Bruce explained that at Seymour Park a stolen car was burnt in the field in addition to picnic tables and slides.
- Bruce informed the Board that vandals were caught by the police at Mill Pond Park Graffitiing the buildings.

*Sensory Garden:*

- Bruce said that they are looking at redesigning the sensory garden.
- Bruce explained that the garden and fence are in major need of repair.
- Don Woods and Mary Udice are interested in serving on a subcommittee for the garden.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

*Turf Field:*

- Newington Midget Football would like to know if they could go ahead and get estimates on the turf field without the RFP at their own expense.
- The Board is frustrated with the speed of action of the RFP for the fields.
- Jeff Hedberg would like to speak to the council about what needs to be done to push the process along.
- Concerns of "ownership" arise with funding from only one sports organization.
- The Board would like the Field in a future agenda.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Extravaganza Meeting:*

- The next Extravaganza meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM.

*Ernest Perlini:*

- Board would like to present a plaque to Ernest Perlini for all his support to our department.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:**

**Mary Udice made a motion to adjourn;** Jeff Perillo seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:40PM with a 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Lach  
Parks and Recreation Board Secretary

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Date